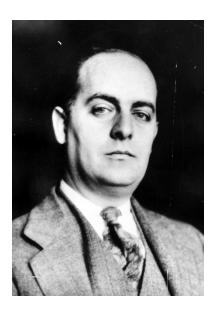


A Finding Aid to the James G. Heller Papers

Manuscript Collection No. 147



Collection Summary

Title James G. Heller Papers

Dates 1905-1952 **Collection Number** MS-147

Repository The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

Creator Heller, James G. (James Gutheim), 1892-1971

Extent 0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)

Language of the Material English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch James Gutheim Heller was born in New Orleans on January 4, 1892, to the famous Reform

rabbi Maximilian H. Heller. He received an undergraduate degree from Tulane University, a graduate degree from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, and was ordained a rabbi at Hebrew Union College. Heller was rabbi of Congregation Bene Yeshurun (Isaac M. Wise Temple) in Cincinnati from 1920-1952, and was involved with several organizations including the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Labor Zionist Organization of America, and the State of Israel Bonds Organization. He was an active Zionist, and introduced Youth Temple, which was designed to bring young individuals together for religious education. Heller was also a composer and musician who wrote program notes for the Cincinnati Symphony. He died in Cincinnati on December 19, 1971.

Scope and ContentIncludes correspondence, pamphlets, magazine and newspaper articles written by Heller or

concerning his interests or professional activities, Heller's musical compositions, and

sermons.

Arrangement The collection is arranged in three (3) series: A. Correspondence; B. Compositions; C.

Personal.

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Personal Names Heller, James G. (James Gutheim), 1892-1971

Corporate Names Congregation Bene Yeshurun (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Media Sermons

Series A. Correspondence, 1907-1952

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder 1. A-E, General, 1910-1952
- Box 1. Folder 2. Cincinnati, Ohio Congregation. KK Bene Yeshurun [Isaac M. Wise Temple], 1920-1952, undated
- Box 1. Folder 3. F-K, General (includes German reports), 1907-1938
- Box 1. Folder 4. Jacobson, Marjorie M., 1935-1951, undated
- Box 1. Folder 5. L-R, General, 1919-1947
- Box 1. Folder 6. Little Rock, Arkansas Congregation B'nai Israel, 1919-1920
- Box 1. Folder 7. Nathan, Robert, 1950-1952
- Box 1. Folder 8. S-Z, General (includes marriage certificates and report by Heller on Army and Military Government Activities in Europe, 1947), 1922-1952
- Box 1. Folder 9. Society for the Publication of American Music, 1929, 1931
- Box 1. Folder 10. Zionist Organization of America, 1937, 1930, undated
- Box 1. Folder 11. Unidentified correspondence, 1926-1932, undated

Series B. Compositions, 1914-1951

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder 12. Sermons and writings. A-Z, 1922-1951, undated
- Box 1. Folder 13. "The Burden of the West" oratorio, 1937
- Box 1. Folder 14. "The Quest of the Holy Dagesh" (HUC student production), 1914
- Box 1. Folder 15. Music compositions, undated

Series C. Personal, 1905-1948

Box and Folder Listing

- Box 1. Folder 16. Testimonials on Heller, 1948
- Box 1. Folder 17. Personal miscellaneous, 1905-1933, undated